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PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy to protect wildlife in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to enact suitable laws to prevent the illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) The protection of wildlife is governed by the National Wildlife Action Plan .The main components of the National Wildlife Action Plan are given in the Annexure-I.

(c)&(d) A comprehensive and effective legislation for protection of wildlife, namely, `Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972` is already in place. The said act contains provisions for prohibiting hunting of wild animals, protection of specified plants, protection of wild animals in the sanctuaries and national parks, stringent regulation for trade of wildlife and their products, empowering the officers for search, arrest and detention of the offenders and also penal provisions for convicts, etc.:

ANNEXURE-I

MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE NATION WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

1. Establishment of representative network of protected areas.
2. Management of protected areas and habitat restoration .
3. Wildlife Protection in multiple use in areas.
4. Rehabilitation of endangered and threatened species.
5. Captive breeding programmes.
6. Wildlife education and intrepretation .
7. Research and Monitoring.
8. Domestic legislation and international conventions.
9. National conservation strategy.
10. Collaboration with voluntary bodies.